



# Howard County Council

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Minutes (Approved)  
Quarterly Meeting  
County Council and Howard County Board of Education  
June 5, 2014

The Howard County Council met with members of the Board of Education for their quarterly meeting on June 5, 2014. Participants convened in the Howard County Library, Central Branch, 10375 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia at 4:12 p.m.

Council members present: Dr. Calvin Ball, Chair; Members: Greg Fox, Mary Kay Sigaty, Jennifer Terrasa, Courtney Watson

Members of the Board of Education present: Ellen Flynn Giles, Chair; Members: Frank Aquino, Ann DeLacy, Dr. Janet Siddiqui, Cynthia Vaillancourt.

Board of Education Staff: Dr. Renee Foose, Superintendent; Linda Wise, Deputy Superintendent;; Ken Roey, Chief Facilities Officer; Sue Mascaro, Chief of Staff; Camille Jones, Chief Operating Officer; Rose Dennison, Ombudsman and Staff to Board

Council Staff present: Dr. Sheila Tolliver, Council Administrator; Jeff Meyers, Legislative Assistant; Meredith Beach, Legislative Assistant; Lisa Geerman, Audit.

Chairman Ball opened the meeting at 4:12 p.m. and introduced Bill Duncan, Director of Maryland First, a statewide organization representing Robotics teams.

He called on Ken Roey, Chief Facilities Officer, to brief the Council and Board on school capacity and forecasts for facility needs. Mr. Roey distributed a map illustrating the degree to which elementary schools are expected to be filled by 2018. He projected that by 2024, the schools at all levels will be at 110 percent of capacity, if nothing is done to increase capacity. He reported further that the Board intends to hire a consultant to advise on various options for addressing the facility utilization, including redistricting, projecting student enrollment growth, various approaches to using space, and other options.

Ms. Watson inquired about the effect on the projections of the possible expansion of pre-kindergarten. She also asked about costs of construction, which currently are estimated at \$30 million for an elementary school, \$38 million for a middle school, and \$90 million

for a high school. Mr. Roey projected that the new State prevailing wage legislation will add approximately 10 percent to the construction portion of school construction. Construction costs account for approximately 70 percent of the total costs.

Ms. DeLacy asked Dr. Ball to explain Council Bill 18-2014, which was passed in June by the County Council. He outlined six points, as follows:

- It limits the County's residential loans to owner-occupied properties;
- It expands the purposes of the rehabilitation loan program;
- It extends the loan repayment period from 25 to 30 years;
- It prohibits transfers of Moderate Income Housing Units (MIHU's) into census blocks with poverty rates of 10 percent or higher;
- Revenues from fees collected in lieu of construction of MIHU's (in single family home communities) may be used in census blocks with 10 percent or higher poverty only for home ownership assistance;
- It prohibits the Housing Commission from doing projects that will increase the poverty rate in census tracts already having a poverty rate of 20 percent or higher.

Ms. French pointed out the need for space for Robotics clubs sufficiently large to allow secure storage of shared tools and operation of the projects. Mr. Ball advised that the Board's study of school capacity should include this need. Ms. Watson suggested exploring the possibility of using vacated space in the Bendix Building when the Center for Entrepreneurship is moved to another facility.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.